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Letter to Philander Chase

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J. H. Harkness
June 25. 1826

My beloved Bishop of Ohio,

I fear you have been
saying to your dear Wife, Demas hath
forsaken me, & out of sight, out of mind. But
whenever such a thought enter your mind of
me or mine, banish it immediately, pray, &
assure yourself that neither my Wife, nor I, nor
any of our Children, can ever cease to love &
revere Bishop Chase, nor be uninterested in his
pious labours. Letters from old England, no doubt,
are very interesting to you: but I can assure you
that yours are Sunshine over every step you have
trod in our Country. Every intimation of your success
comes home to our hearts as our own dearest
personal concerns, & your letters are received among
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& read, ut epistola patrum apostolicorum.

You should have heard from me long before this; but from the date of my last letter to this present day, I have been collecting, tho' slowly, little contributions for my box, to render it worth the carriage. May all the rich spiritual blessings it contains light on the Bishop & Church of this, & abide with them forever. Walton's Polyglott is very scarce, & will be a treasure in the West for generations unborn. This is the joint present of Lord Kenyon & myself, which you will doubtless acknowledge to his Lordship. One thing that has detained my box was my hope of being able to procure Bayters Polyglott; but it is out of print, & they flattered me from week to week that a new edition was to appear; but it has not yet. When it does my dear Countryman may rely on my procuring it for him. I will try to borrow it of any friend that has it, before I seal this, & I have some hopes of being able to procure a copy. You will perceive that not one of your Colchester friends has forgotten you, nor

neglected to tell you so. Some of their letters have long
lain in my hands. My warm hearted Mary & this retains
her first love, as cordial & zealous as ever; & so does
my dear Charlotte; and they are constantly drawing
your picture & representing Ohio to their new friends
as fast as they make them. These dear children
merit your blessing, & I am sure they will have it,
because you have seen & are convinced that they
love you, & sympathize in your arduous labours.

I must now tell you what will rejoice your
heart. I really think I have opened a door through
which you will in a very short time be supplied
with as many young Clergy as you can employ.
There was created with one at Cambridge a
Dr. Walker of ^{Edinburgh} ~~Edinburgh~~, who has established
an episcopal Theological Seminary there
similar to your own. Dick promises to supply
five times the number that will be wanted for
the Scotch Church; & there is no opening for them
but in foreign missions, for our canon, or rather
civil law, is against admitting Scotch ordained
clergy into our English churches. This acknowledged
by us to be as apostolically descended as our own Clergy

This Dr. Walker is well acquainted with Miss
Mackfarlan, & an old friend of her Father. I gave
him a clue to find Miss M. in London or its
vicinity before he returned to the North, from
whom I told him he might learn more about
Ohio & its Bp than I had time or opportunity in
Cambridge; & from whom no doubt you will hear
more on the subject. - You will find in the Box
a handsome present from the Tutor of my College,
^{Mr. Peter} a good young man, son of the late Bp of Clogher
in Ireland. Professor Farish, & your other
Cambridge friends, enquired kindly after you.
Mrs. Walker & her family will send you a
Memorial of themselves in grateful acknowl-
edgment of your veneration for the memory of her
sainted Father. You will perceive that your
Colchester friends have not forgotten you, nor
will you cease to be remembered in old England
wherever you have set your foot. You may tell
your restless little Brother of New York so. Tell
him that your travels in this Country are as marked